

**WORKSHOP**»

## **PAKIKINIGANG MAGKAPWA:**

Sharing Our Stories to Build, Unite & Sustain Our Communities Toward Climate Resiliency & Justice

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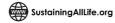
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:00PM - 2:30PM (support group following) 4W43 Building, Green Room

4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036 Interpretation available upon request. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

Indigenous people have occupied the Pacific Islands for thousands of years, living sustainably and compatibly with the environment-having the knowledge, respect, care and interdependent relationship with all living things. The climate crisis threatens our homes, way of life, our very existence.

- Hear and share stories from Filipino fisherfolks, farmers and women who live in the coastal areas of the Philippines and whose day-to-day economic well-being are bound with resolving the climate change crisis.
- ★ Learn peer counseling tools to develop mutual support networks to move through barriers, heal conflict and ultimately restore the relationship between people and the natural environment.













## THE WORK OF SAL & UER

It is possible to limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment, but some very large changes in our economy and the lives we live are needed for this to happen.

Sustaining All Life (SAL) and United to End Racism (UER) believe the environmental crisis cannot be resolved without ending racism, genocide toward Indigenous peoples, classism, sexism, and other oppressions.

We believe that the barriers to building a large and powerful movement sufficient to make the needed changes include (1) longstanding divisions (caused by oppression, and especially racism and classism) between nations and between groups of people, (2) widespread feelings of discouragement and powerlessness, (3) denial of or failure to engage with the escalating damage to the earth's climate, and (4) difficulties in effectively addressing the connections between the environmental crisis and the failures of our economic system.

The mental and emotional harm done to us by oppression and other hurtful experiences interferes with our ability to think clearly and sets groups of people against each other. In SAL and UER we have learned that it is possible to free ourselves from these hurts and address barriers to effective organizing. By taking turns listening to each other and encouraging emotional release, people can heal from the mental and emotional harm and become better able to think, speak out, and organize and lead others in building a sustainable world. SAL and UER are projects of and use the tools of Re-evaluation Counseling, which currently exists in 95 countries.



## For more information, see:

